

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15. (canceled).

Claim 16. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data having multimedia content from a first communications unit to a second communications unit in a telecommunications network, the method comprising:

transmitting at least one transmission status message assigned to the data to the first communications unit;

providing, upon non-deliverability of the data to the second communications unit, an item of information concerning the non-deliverability of the transmitted data in the transmission status message; and

wherein the non-deliverability of the data sent applies if one of the correct receipt of the data sent and a recipient notification message concerning the data to be transmitted to the second communications unit is not acknowledged by the second communications unit via a respectively associated confirmation message.

Claim 17. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the item of information concerning the non-deliverability of the data sent is provided in the transmission status message if the data cannot be delivered to the second communications unit within the definable period of validity.

Claim 18. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the non-deliverability of the data sent applies if the correct receipt of the data sent and of a recipient notification message concerning the data to be transmitted to the second communications unit is not acknowledge by the second communications unit via a respectively associated confirmation message.

Claim 19. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the telecommunications network includes a switching arrangement via which the data is transmitted from the first communications unit to the second communications unit, and wherein the switching arrangement establishes the non-deliverability of the data sent and sends the transmission status message to the first communications unit.

Claim 20. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the data is transmitted via a Multimedia Messaging Service by using a Wireless Application Protocol.

Claim 21. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the recipient notification message includes a Multimedia Messaging Service message in a category "X-Mms-Message-Type: m-notification-ind."

Claim 22. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the data is transmitted to the recipient via at least one Multimedia Messaging Service message in a category "X-Mms-Message-Type: m-retrieve-conf."

Claim 23. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the transmission status message includes a Multimedia Messaging Service message in a category "X-Mms-Message-Type: m-delivery-ind."

Claim 24. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the item of information concerning the non-deliverability of the data set is represented by the value "<Octet 133>" in the data field "X-Mms-Status" of the transmission status message.

Claim 25. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein at least one of the first communications unit and the second communications unit is a mobile communication module.

Claim 26. (previously presented): A method for transmitting data as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the telecommunications network is mobile communication network and at least one of the first communications unit and second communications unit operate as defined by a standard which is at least one of GSM, GPRS, EDGE and UMTS.

Claim 27. (previously presented): A switching arrangement for transmitting data in a telecommunications network from a first communications unit to a second communications unit, comprising an apparatus for producing a transmission status message which is assigned to the data to be transmitted to the second communications unit, the apparatus providing an item of information concerning non-deliverability of the data to be transmitted in the transmission status message if the data cannot be delivered to the second communications unit and, with regard to the apparatus for producing the transmission status message, non-deliverability of the data sent applies if one of the correct receipt of the data sent and a recipient notification message concerning the data to be transmitted to the second communications unit is not acknowledged by the second communication unit via a respectively associated confirmation message.

Claim 28. (previously presented): A switching arrangement as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the apparatus for producing the transmission status message provides the item of information concerning the non-deliverability of the data to be transmitted in the transmission status message if the data cannot be delivered to the second communications unit within a definable period of validity.

Claim 29. (previously presented): A switching arrangement as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the non-deliverability of the data sent applies if the correct receipt of the data sent and of a recipient notification message concerning the data to be transmitted to the second communications unit is not acknowledged by the second communications unit via a respectively associated confirmation message.

Claim 30. (previously presented): A switching arrangement as claimed in Claim 27, further comprising an apparatus for transmitting the transmission status message to the first communications unit.